

2/5/13 Consultation on EPA's Reissuance of Cook Inlet GP for Oil & Gas Exploration in Federal Waters

Requests

- clarity on state take over of permitting
- clarity on House Bill 77? that expedites permitting process
- clarity on how EPA can help in these matters
- for best management practices to be put in permit
- clarity on why neither permit is covering existing production facilities
- mechanism to help guide this process better
- more fact sheets specific to tribal interests
- facilitate tribes coming together to have these discussions
- that fish consumption rates be included in permitting and WQS
- that facilities that violate provisions of permits year after year not get coverage
- that tribes have access to BMPs
- that tribes can do monitoring- be the eyes and ears of EPA
- clarity on how steel rigs may impact ocean acidification
- that permit is progressive and addresses global changes like climate change and tsunamis
- that something in permit addresses natural occurrences in waters changing baseline conditions
- clarity on why zero discharge requests in past got nowhere
- that permit has provisions to stop discharges in emergencies
- that BMPs include inspections for invasive species on rigs
- that cumulative effects are considered
- clarity on Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation
- training on EPA's NPDES Permit process
- Another look at dispersion model
- update dispersion model to include wave action, temperatures, rise in storms and tsunamis
- the tools and technical expertise to participate in this process
- mechanism for consultation on oversight

Commitments

- joint hearings in Anchorage, Kenai, Homer, maybe teleconferences for others
- copies of draft fact sheet
- continuing conversation
- talk to OCE about tribal inspection possibilities
- look into how much leeway we have on BMPs and emergencies
- talk to dispersion model modeler
- share comments with state and vice versa
- state can't backslide without justification
- explain why differences in NPDES and APDES permits exist
- if not being heard by the state you can call on us